

VINITA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Racial Profiling Policy

Effective January 22, 2002

Definition:

Racial Profiling – the detention, interdiction, or other disparate treatment of an individual solely on the basis of the racial or ethnic status of such individual.

Policy:

Race or ethnicity of any person shall not be the sole factor in determining the existence of probable cause to take into custody or to arrest an individual or in constituting a reasonable and articulable suspicion that an offense has been or is being committed so as to justify the detention of an individual or the investigatory stop of a motor vehicle.

No officer shall engage in racial profiling. The race or ethnicity of an individual shall not be the sole factor in determining the existence of probable cause to take into custody or to arrest an individual. An individual's race or ethnicity shall not constitute a reasonable and articulable suspicion that an offense has been or is being committed so as to justify the detention of an individual or the investigatory stop of a motor vehicle.

Purpose:

To define and prohibit racial profiling.